

REMARKS

Applicants have filed a Renewed Petition for Acceptance of an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority. In conjunction with the Petition, Applicants have amended the cross reference to related application section of the present specification and request acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority to U.S. Patent Application Number 09/992,035, filed November 23, 2001, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/252,820, filed November 22, 2000. The present independent claims derived priority from the provisional application and have an effective filing date of November 22, 2000.

Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3797.

Respectfully submitted,



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